

A fearful famine is being experienced in portions of China, caused by excessive drouth. Thousands are reported to have sold their lands and everything they could spare to obtain food to sustain life. Many have already died from starvation. The government has made appropriations for the purpose of relieving the sufferers but these are said to be utterly inadequate to the requirements. Contributions from the wealthy classes are being forced by the local magistrates. The drouth is said to have lasted so long that nothing can now be raised on the land this season. What is to become of the sufferers is hard to tell.

There have been already, and are now being monthly cancelled, a large number of Homestead entries, by order of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, on account of the parcels allowing seven years to go by without making final proof of settlement, cultivation, and continuous residence thereon for the space of five years from the date of entry, including the six months time given them to go upon the land after date of the original certificate.

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When the Missouri editors arrived at Springfield the people there sought the looked-for "revival of the old time." They had come, but when they saw a foreign editor looking for a man to pay five dollars, they felt that that devoted band of ink-blot men had brought bankruptcy and ruin into their midst. — *Jeffersonian*.

There is an old lady in this city who is at times afflicted with rheumatism. Sometimes last summer she was told, that if she would carry a Irish potato in her pocket relief would come. She procured one and allowed that the instructions for its use. Whether or not she found relief from the potato we are unable to state, but she did find, one day this week, in her dark pocket, which had been in the wardrobe since last September, six small potatoes growing from the one referred to. The lady admits that there was no moisture or mildew perceptible about the wardrobe. There were a number of "runners" to the potato, one of which was stout in length. *—Pittsburg Herald.*

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